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# PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN®

THE KILLER BEES OF...  
**SWARM!**





While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!**

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THE LITTLE OLD LADY, SCREAMED AND THE NEXT THING TONY 'GLOVES' ALONZO AND TERRY 'MOTORMOUTH' DOYLE KNEW, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK WAS CRAWLING WITH COPS.

THEY BLASTED OUT TO THEIR GETAWAY VAN AND HEADED SOUTH ON THE DESERTED WEST SIDE HIGHWAY THE LAW ON THEIR TAIL

BRUDDA  
BRATAT

THE LAW... AND THE  
SPECTACULAR  
SPIDER-MAN!

KEEP  
SHOOTING,  
TERRY!  
WE'LL TAKE  
THE SCREWS  
WITH US IF  
WE GO!

ENTER:  
SWARM!

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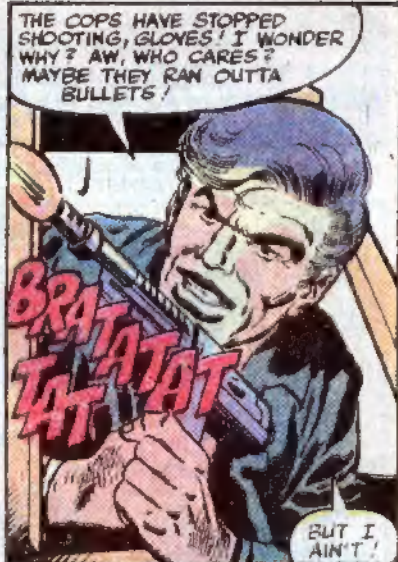


THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE  
CARRIED ALL THE WAY  
TO MY APARTMENT!



GOOD THING IT  
WOKE ME. I HAVE  
AN APPOINTMENT WITH  
MY DEPARTMENT  
CHAIRMAN TODAY, AND  
I FORGOT TO SET MY  
ALARM.

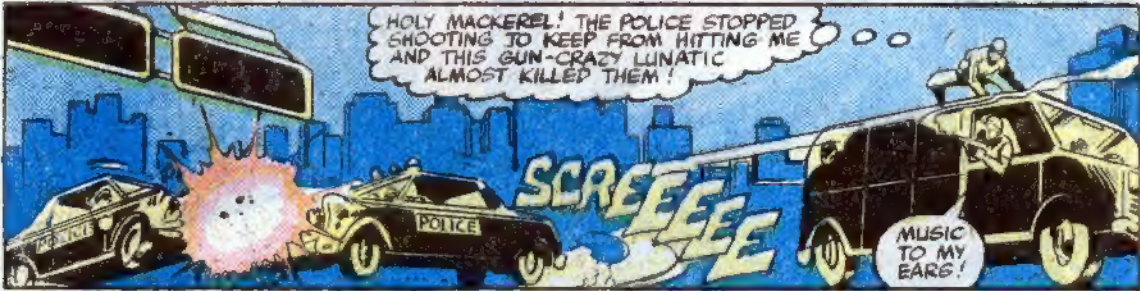
THE COPS HAVE STOPPED  
SHOOTING, GLOVES! I WONDER  
WHY? AW, WHO CARES?  
MAYBE THEY RAN OUTTA  
BULLETS!



**BRATATAT  
TATATAT**

BUT I  
AIN'T!

HOLY MACKEREL! THE POLICE STOPPED  
SHOOTING TO KEEP FROM HITTING ME  
AND THIS GUN-CRAZY LUNATIC  
ALMOST KILLED THEM!



MUSIC TO MY  
EARS!

BOTH PATROL  
CARS ARE  
WASTED! DO  
I TAKE  
THOSE SCUM  
FROM HERE?

NO! GIVE SPIDER-  
MAN A CHANCE TO  
SHOW HIS STUFF!



THE POLICE  
COPTER'S PULLING  
AWAY! IT'S UP TO  
ME NOW!

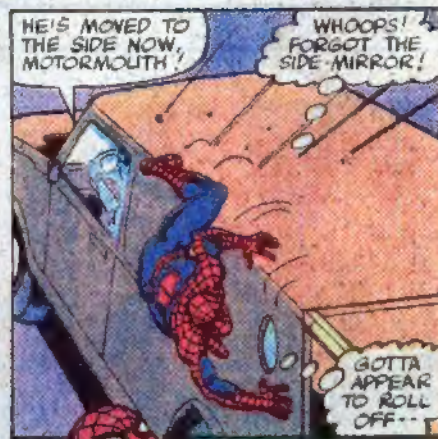
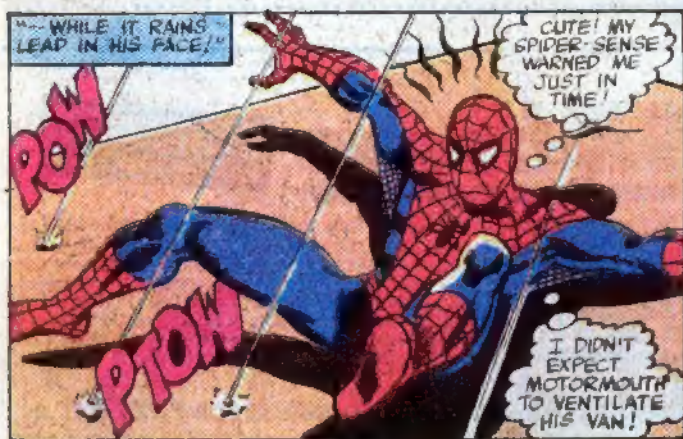
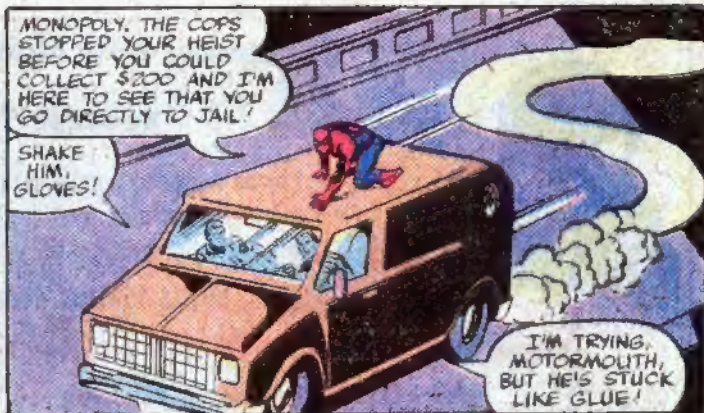
THE COPS ARE  
SPLITTING, GLOVES!  
WE BEAT 'EM!

DON'T BE A POOL, MOTORMOUTH! THEY HAD US  
DEAD TO RIGHTS! THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING,  
BUT I DON'T KNOW...

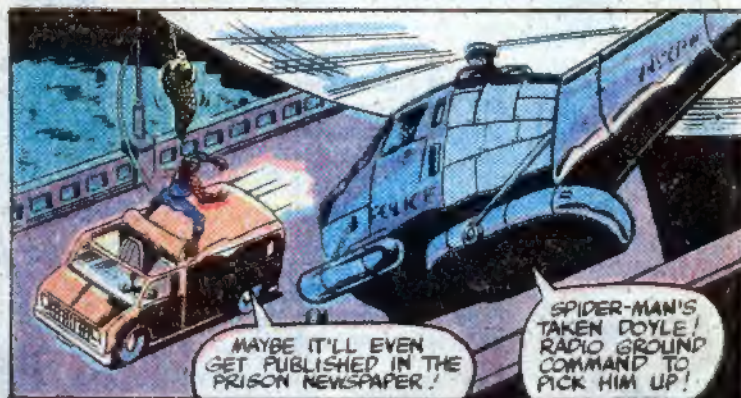


WHA-A-A-AT?! SOME  
KIND OF-- WEBBING--  
TEARING MY GAT FROM  
MY HAND?!

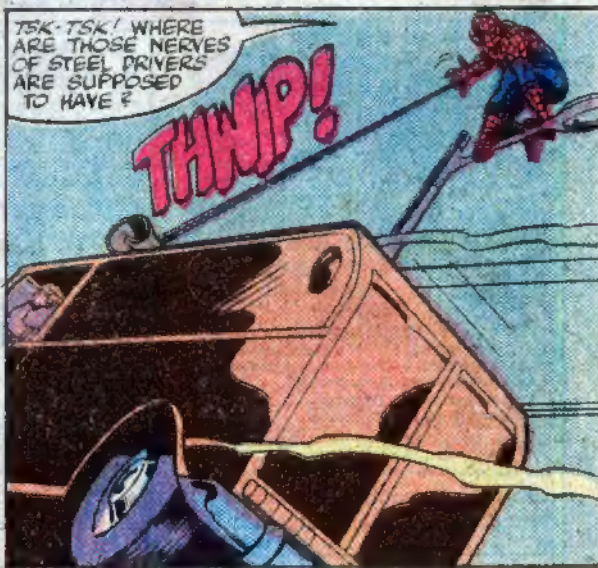
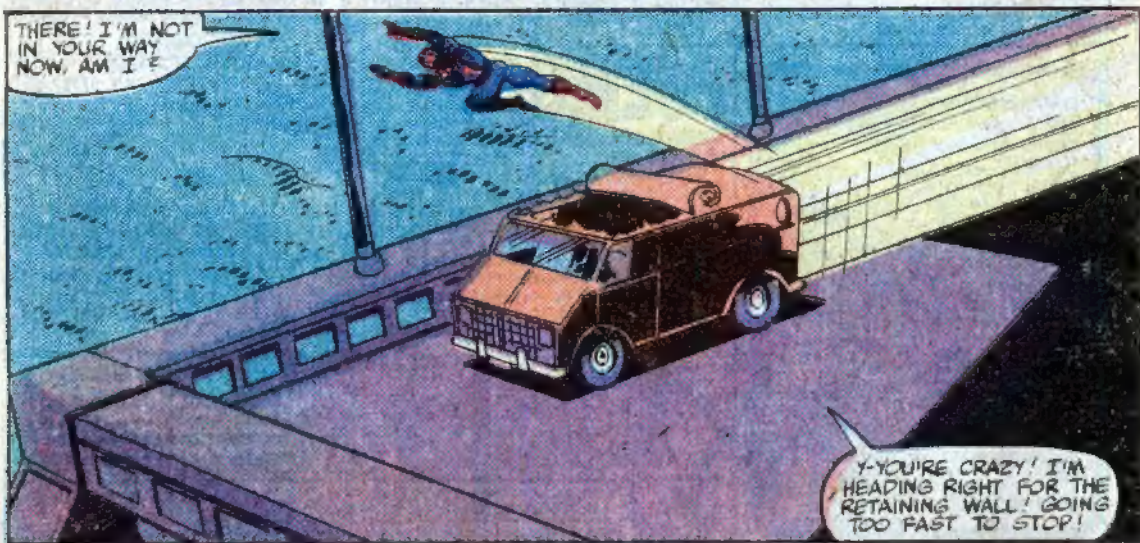
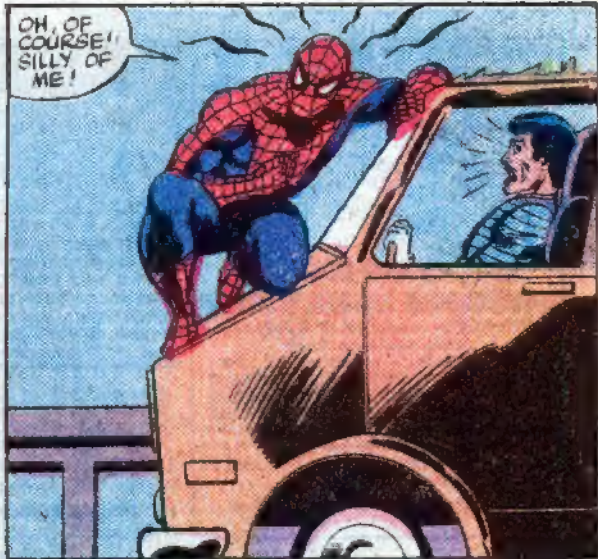








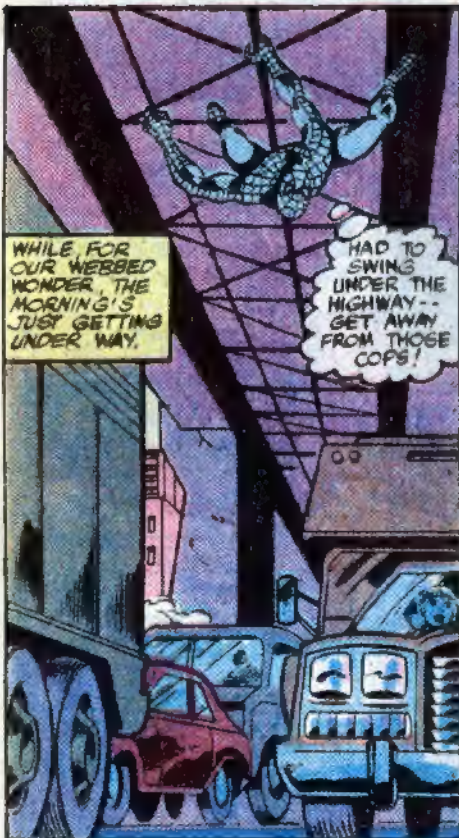












WHILE, FOR OUR WEBBED WONDER, THE MORNING'S JUST GETTING UNDER WAY.

HAD TO SWING UNDER THE HIGHWAY-- GET AWAY FROM THOSE COPS!



SKIN FEELS HOT-- DRY TO THE TOUCH!



NOW IT'S PASSING! AM I GETTING SICK? OR IS THE POLLUTION ON THE WEST SIDE HAVING AN EFFECT ON ME?

SURE! THAT MUST BE IT!



YOU SPEND YOUR TIME FIGHTING SUPER-VILLAINS AND YOU THINK YOU'RE IMMUNE TO CRUMMY AIR.

STILL MAYBE I'D BETTER TAKE IT EASY! I'LL HITCH A RIDE ON THIS BUS, INSTEAD OF SWINGING UPTOWN.



THIS IS EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY.



AND THIS IS A TYPICAL SCENE IN THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES, WHERE SOMETIME LATER...

OH, GOOD GRIEF! WHERE IN THE WORLD DID I PUT THAT STUPID SHOE?

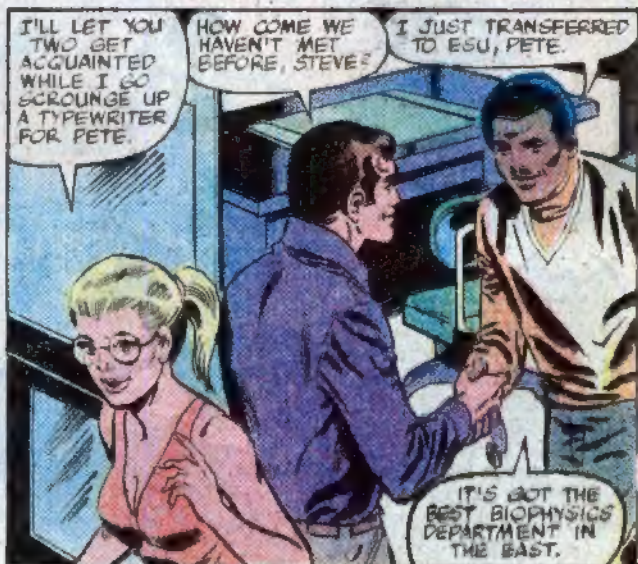
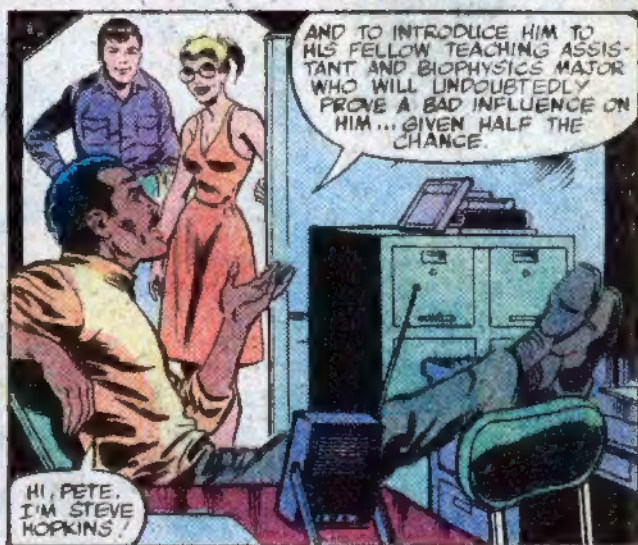
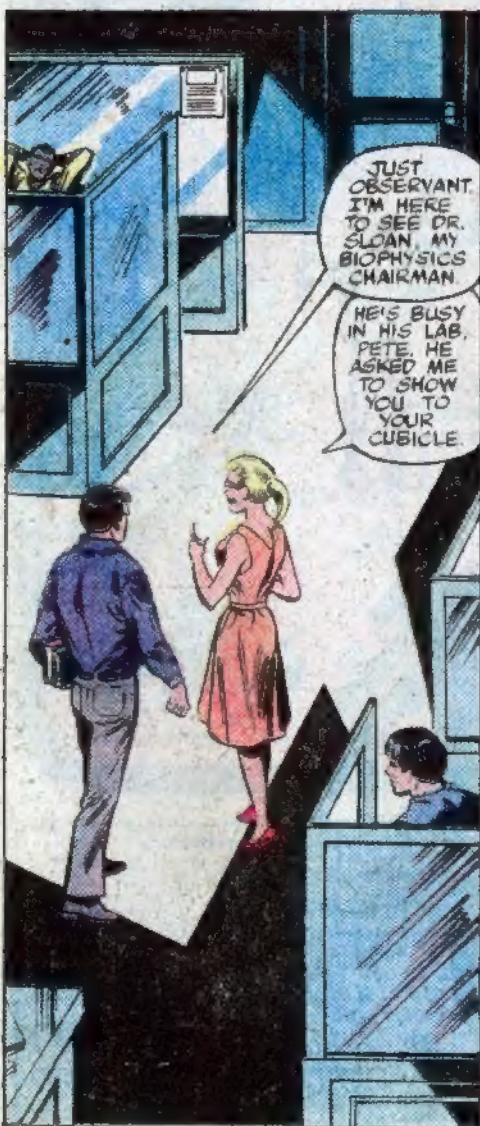


I HAD IT JUST A MOMENT AGO...

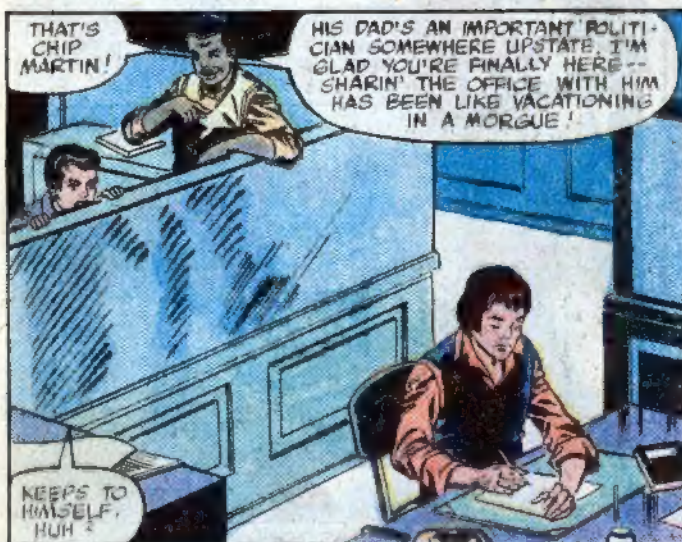
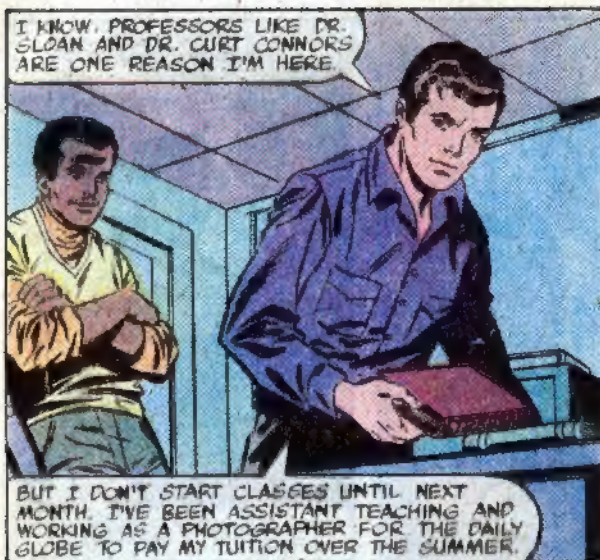
**THUNK**

OOOHHH!











ARE THERE ANY OTHER TAs BESIDE ME, YOU, CHIP, AND MARCY KANE?

SO YOU'VE ALREADY MET THE ICE QUEEN, HUH? \*

\*PETE AND MARCY MET IN PPTSS #32. --JIM.

YEAH, THERE'S ALSO PHILLIP CHANG, TOUTED AS THE ORIENTAL EINSTEIN!

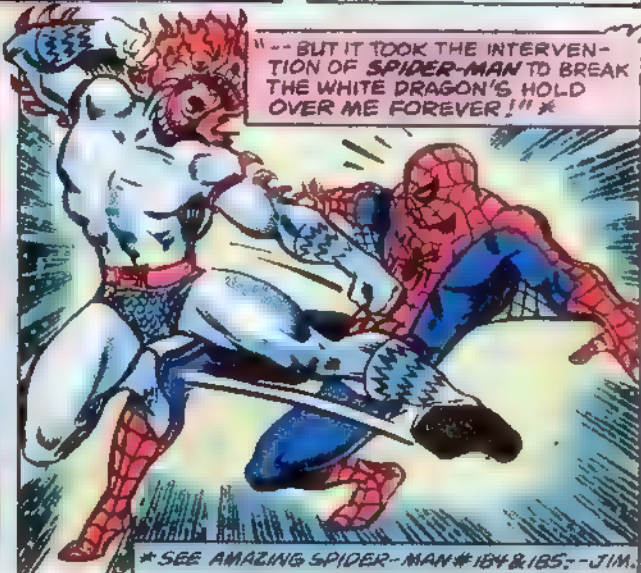
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, PETE!

PHILLIP CHANG! WOW! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE--

SINCE THE WHITE DRAGON INTERRUPTED YOUR DINNER..

...IN ORDER TO FORCE ME TO JOIN ONE OF THE NOTORIOUS **DRAGON GAMES** THAT CARRIED THEIR TERROR FROM HONG KONG TO CHINATOWN!

-- BUT IT TOOK THE INTERVENTION OF **SPIDER-MAN** TO BREAK THE WHITE DRAGON'S HOLD OVER ME FOREVER! \*



\*SEE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #184 & 185. --JIM.

"I HAD RENOUNCED VIOLENCE AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MY PARENTS --

WE ALL REPORT TO DR. GLOAN. HE'S THE COUNTRY'S FOREMOST ENTOMOLOGIST, A SPECIALIST IN INSECT BIOPHYSICS.

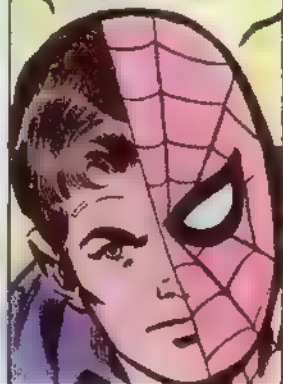
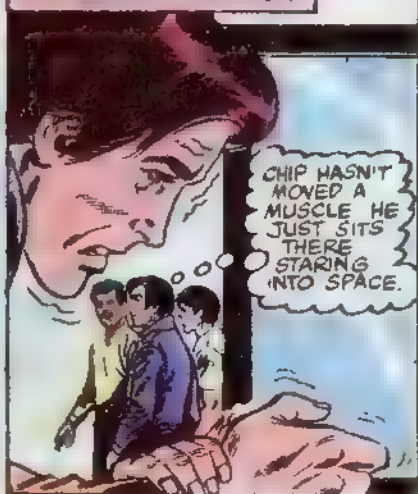
HMM MY STUDIES WITH HIM SHOULD HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND MY SPIDER-POWERS!

TO ENHANCE THEM...OR MAYBE EVEN ELIMINATE THEM SHOULD I EVER DECIDE I WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE!

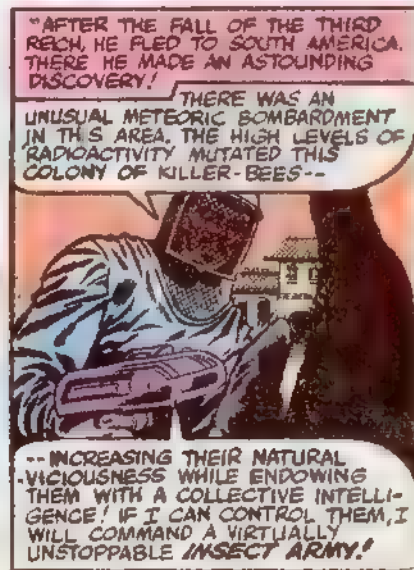
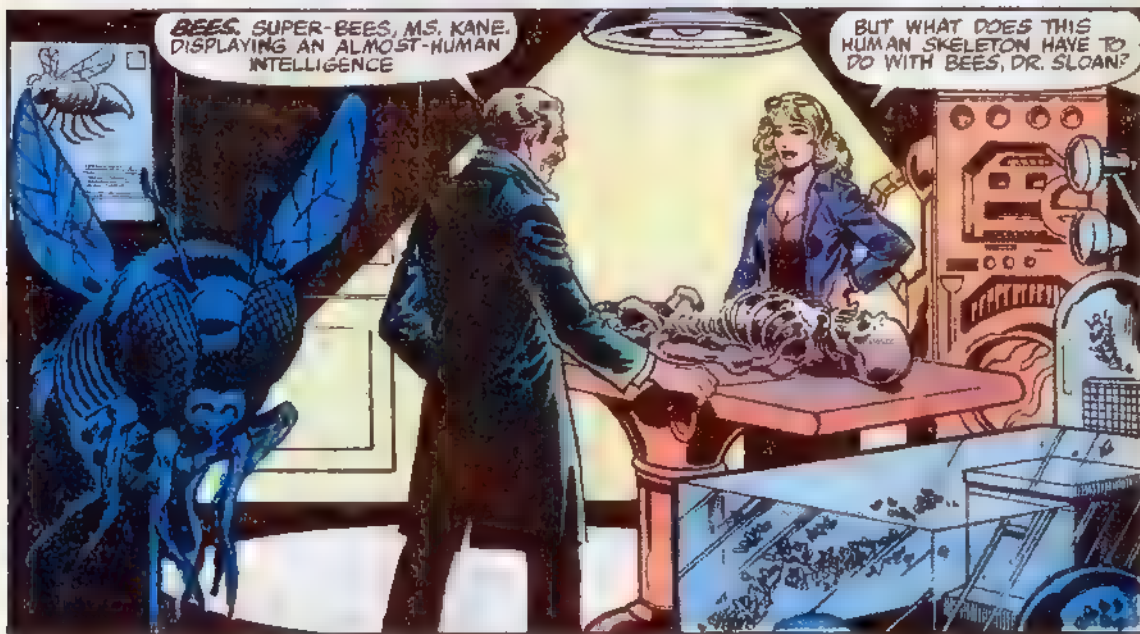
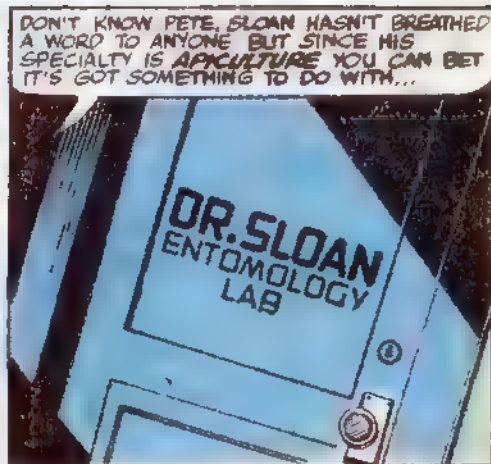
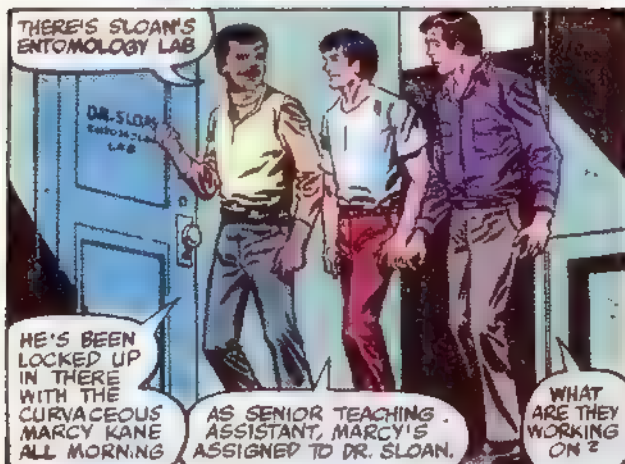
THEIR CONVERSATION CARRIES THE THREE GRADUATE STUDENTS PAST CHIP MARTIN'S CUBICLE.

CHIP HASN'T MOVED A MUSCLE HE JUST SITS THERE STARING INTO SPACE.

FOR SOME REASON MY SPIDER INSTINCTS SUGGEST THAT THE MYSTERIOUS MR MARTIN BEARS WATCHING!









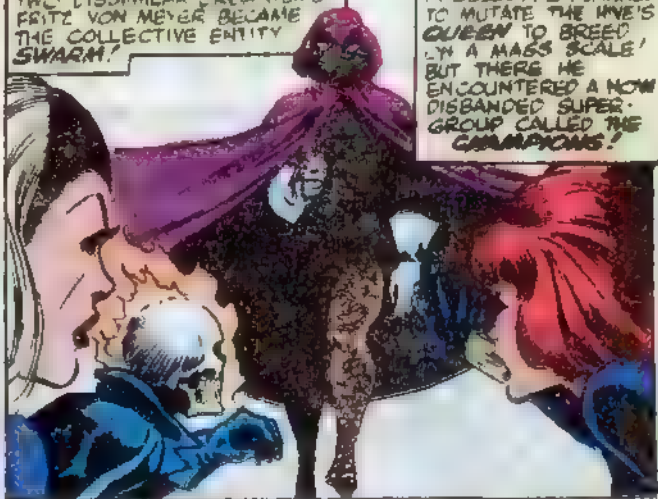
"BUT IN TRYING TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE HIVE, VON MEYER AROUSED THE MUTATED BEES TO FURY! THE SWARM ATTACKED!"

"THE ONSLAUGHT WAS LETHAL! VON MEYER DIED--"

"--ONLY TO BE REBORN AN AGGREGATE MAN HIS CONSCIOUSNESS DISTRIBUTED AMONGST THE IRRADIATED BEES THAT BECAME LIVING CELLS OF HIS 'BODY'."

"IT'S CALLED SYMBIOSIS-- THE LIVING TOGETHER OF TWO DISSIMILAR ORGANISMS! FRITZ VON MEYER BECAME THE COLLECTIVE ENTITY SWARM!"

"ARRIVING IN LOS ANGELES, HE PLANNED TO MUTATE THE HIVE'S QUEEN TO BREED 'IN A MASS SCALE' BUT THERE HE ENCOUNTERED A NOW DISBANDED SUPER-GROUP CALLED THE CHAMPIONS!"

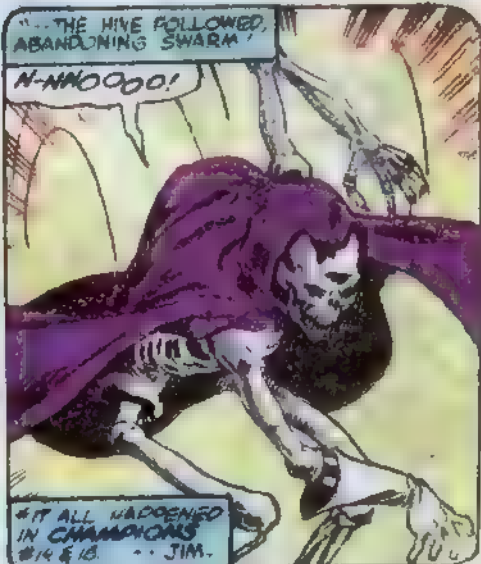
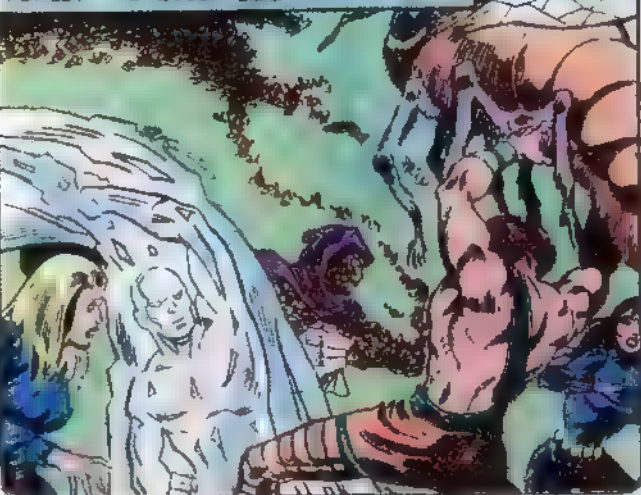


"BUT SWARM HAD INSTRUCTED THE BEES TO PROTECT THEIR QUEEN AT ALL COSTS! SO, WHEN HERCULES HURLED THE QUEEN BEE OUT TO SEA--"

"--THE HIVE FOLLOWED, ABANDONING SWARM!"

N-NNOOOO!

"IT ALL HADDOEN IN CHAMPIONS #14 & 15. -- JIM."

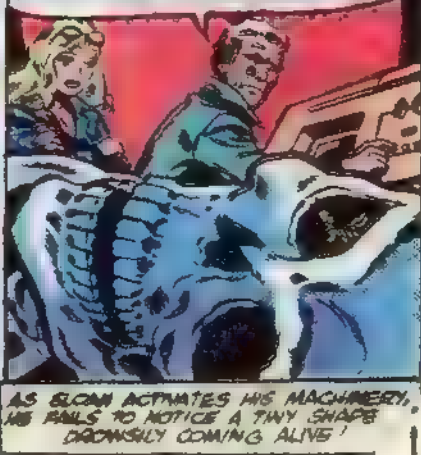


BUT IF THE BEES AND SWARM WERE BOTH DESTROYED--"

"I'M HOPING THAT SOME TRACE OF THE RADIOACTIVITY THAT MUTATED THE COLONY STILL LINGERS ON VON MEYER'S SKELETON."

WHY? I REMEMBER THE NEWSPAPER STORIES! IT WAS HORRIBLE IF NOT FOR THE CHAMPIONS WE MIGHT HAVE LOST LOS ANGELES!

TRUE, BUT IMAGINE THE BENEFITS IF NORMAL BEES COULD BE SIMILARLY MUTATED TO COOPERATE WITH MANKIND! IT WOULD BE A GOLDEN AGE FOR AGRICULTURE!



SWARM AND HIS BEES ARE BETTER LEFT ALONE!

AS SLOAN ACTIVATES HIS MACHINERY, HE FAILS TO NOTICE A TINY SHAPE DROWSILY COMING ALIVE!



ELSEWHERE, IN THE ESW CAFETERIA..

THERE'S AN EMPTY TABLE FELLAS

UH-- YOU GUYS DRAB IT. I'LL BE ALONG IN A SECOND, BUT I SEE SOMEONE I'VE GOT TO SAY HELLO TO

HI DOCTOR CONNORS REMEMBER ME?

YOU'RE PETER PARKER MY TEACHING ASSISTANT THIS TERM RIGHT? YOU WERE ALONG ON THAT BRONX ZOO TRIP LAST WEEK.

PP735 #32  
JAN

RIGHT, THINKS PETER PARKER AN UNDERGRADUATE TOUR THAT ENDED WITH SPIDER-MAN CAUGHT BETWEEN A MUTATED REPTILE, THE INCREDIBLE IGUANA, AND THE LETHAL LIZARD WHO IS ACTUALLY DR. CONNORS' TRANSFERRED!

YOU WANTED THE POWER OF THE LIZARD, IGUANA? WELL DR CONNORS' ENERVATOR IS TRANSFERRING IT TO YOU-- IN SPADES!

SOON DR CONNORS WILL LOSE EVERY TRACE OF HIS SCALY COUNTERPART AND YOU'LL HAVE ABSORBED IT ALL!

ENOUGH TO DESTROY YOU!

WITH ALL THE LIZARD'S POWER TRANSFERRED TO THE IGUANA BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED, DOC CONNORS IS HOPEFULLY CURED FOREVER!

CAN YOU LEFT UP IN MY LAB FOR THE AFTERNOON PETER?

SURE THING, DOC I'LL BE UP RIGHT AFTER LUNCH

I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AS CONNORS' AIDE HE'S FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH SPIDEY TO SPOT SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ME AND MY ALTER-EGO

EEEEEE

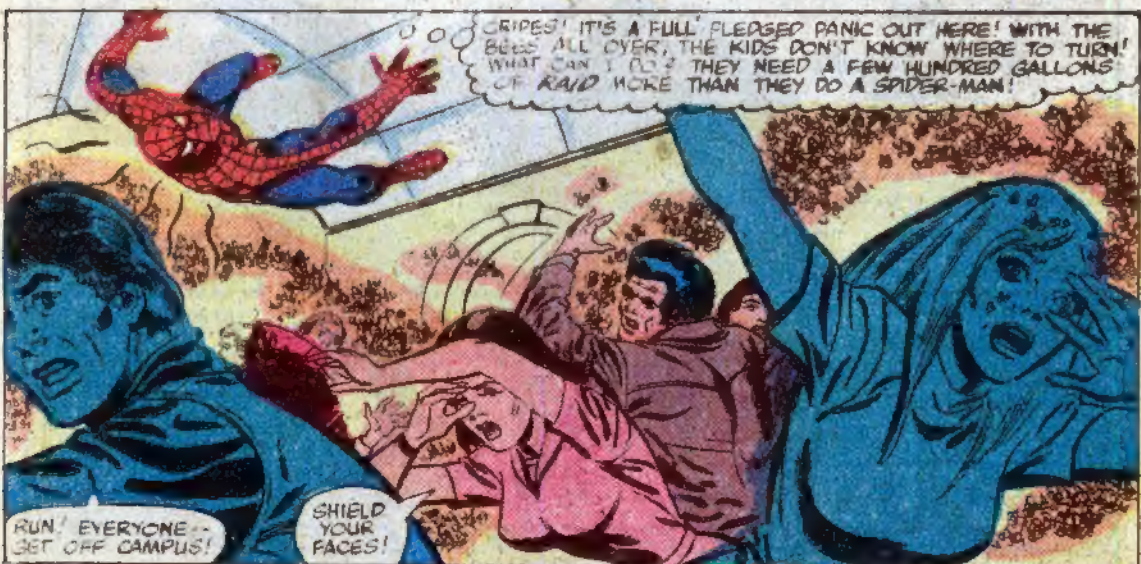
HUN?

A SCREAM FROM THE LUNNIDOR 21

MARCY! WHAT IS IT, LADY? WHAT'S WRONG?

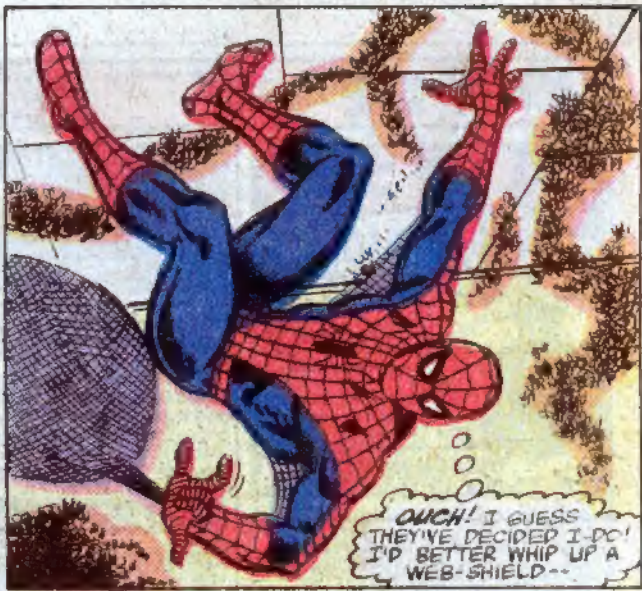
I DOCTOR SLEAM IN LAB--





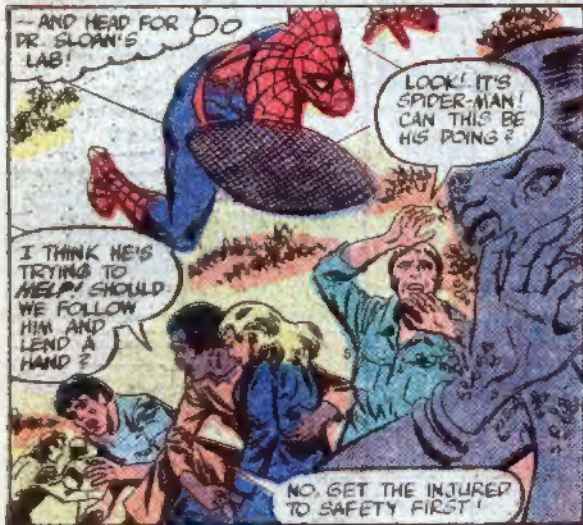


THE BEES AREN'T ATTACKING ME! THEY SEEM CONFUSED--AS IF THEIR PURPOSE IS TO DRIVE HUMANS AWAY AND MY SPIDERYNESS MAKES THEM UNSURE WHETHER I QUALIFY!



OUCH! I GUESS THEY'VE DECIDED I DO! I'D BETTER WHIP UP A WEB-SHIELD--

--AND HEAD FOR DR. SLOAN'S LAB!



LOOK! IT'S SPIDER-MAN! CAN THIS BE HIS DOING?

I THINK HE'S TRYING TO HELP! SHOULD WE FOLLOW HIM AND LEND A HAND?

NO, GET THE INJURED TO SAFETY FIRST!

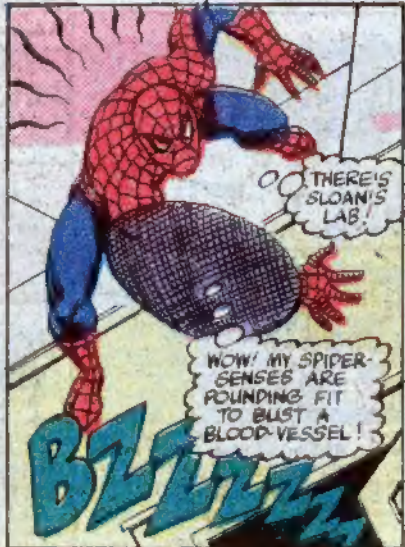
THE PANIC SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE PHYSICS BUILDING. STUDENTS FLEE BLINDLY IN PAIN.



ALL EXCEPT CHIP MARTIN SO MUCH INPUT--SO MUCH POWER BUILDING UP IN ME! IT'S OVERWHELMING!



IT--IT'S GLORIOUS!



THERE'S SLOAN'S LAB!

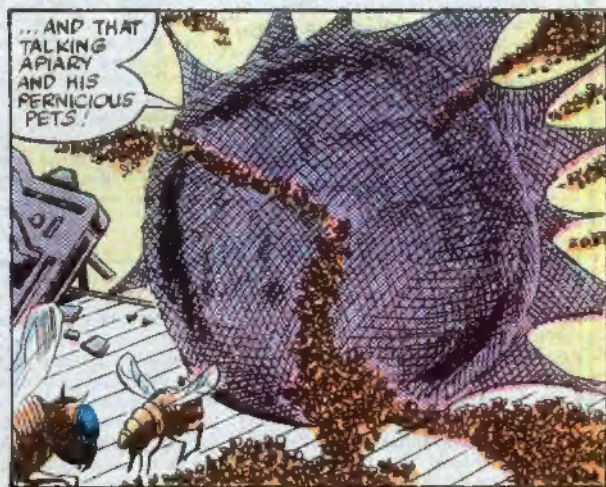
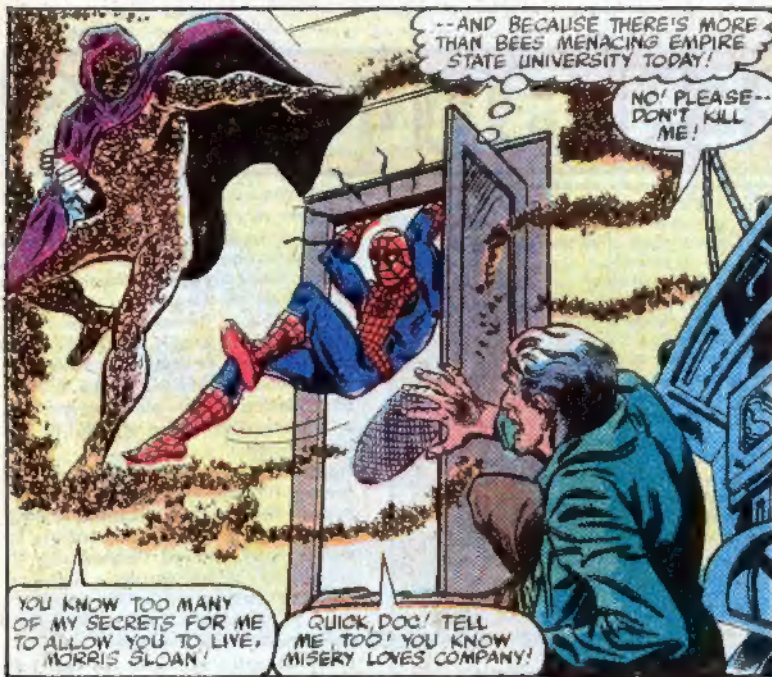
WOW! MY SPIDER-SENSES ARE FOUNDING FIT TO BUST A BLOOD-VESSEL!

BZZZZZZ



THAT'S PARTIALLY BECAUSE SPIDERS AND BEES ARE NATURALLY DEADLY ENEMIES--







YEAH, I GET THE PICTURE! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP SWARM FROM MUTATING THE QUEEN BEE, BUT I'M WAY OUT OF MY LEAGUE! YOU'VE GOT TO CONTACT REED RICHARDS OR HENRY PYM, PDC!



I'LL DO MY BEST, SPIDER-MAN!

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HOLD SWARM ON CAMPUS, BUT ONLY THE FANTASTIC FOUR OR THE AVENGERS STAND ANY CHANCE OF DEFEATING HIM!

GOOD, AND I'LL TAKE UP KMITTING UNTIL-- 'WHOOPS! SPOKE TOO SOON! THE BLASTED BEES ARE EATING THROUGH MY WEBBING!



SO I'M OBVIOUSLY DEFENSELESS!

IN THAT CASE, I SHOULD DO SOMETHING DESPERATELY DARING!



SOMETHING SO HOPELESSLY FOOLHARDY SWARM WON'T BE EXPECTING IT!

SOMETHING STUPID-- LIKE GETTING MYSELF KILLED!



SO, MY PET'S THE Foe STANDS REVEALED!

ON MY COMMAND-- SLAY THE ONE CALLED SPIDER-MAN!



BEES-- ALL OVER ME -- STINGING ME THROUGH MY COSTUME ... AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!

EXCEPT... DIE!!

NEXT MONTH: **INTO THE HEART OF THE HIVE!**